Student Academic Services

Student Academic Services (SAS) offers comprehensive programs that directly support academic excellence. Students can utilize a network of academic services, advisors, and activities designed to assist them in acclimating and excelling at Cal Poly. Services include admissions and transition support, new student first-year seminars, supplemental workshops and study group assistance. Advising services are focused on students from backgrounds that have been traditionally underrepresented in the California State University System. Counselors provide assistance to students with class scheduling, assessment of academic skills, graduation planning, career clarification and related learning and study skills. The goal of SAS is to ensure that all students have equal opportunity to achieve academic success, feel a sense of belonging and graduate. Student Academic Services incorporates the following programs:

Academic Skills Center

Kennedy Library (35), Room 112
Phone: 805.756.1256
https://sas.calpoly.edu/

The Academic Skills Center (ASC) offers academic enrichment programs (Supplemental Workshops and Study Session) for key content courses in first- and second-year curricula. The goal of Supplemental Workshops and Study Session is to provide a peer-to-peer collaborative learning environment in key content courses whereby students are empowered and encouraged to achieve a deeper sense of learning. Additionally, the ASC provides students with an on-line study skills library and tutor referral resources.

Black Academic Excellence Center

Bldg 52, Room E23
Phone: 805.756.6774
https://sas.calpoly.edu/

The Black Academic Excellence Center (BAEC) provides support services to African American students, as well as outreach to affinity clubs and organizations in support of transition and retention. BAEC was originally established via a joint venture between the University and Cal Poly’s student government, ASI (Associated Students, Incorporated). The program offers services to help BAEC students plan and achieve their academic and personal goals.

Cal Poly Scholars

Bldg 52, Room E6
Phone: 805.756.7164
https://scholars.calpoly.edu/

The Cal Poly Scholars Program seeks to recruit and retain high-achieving, low-income students from California high schools while providing support through financial, academic, and community resources. As a university-wide program, the Cal Poly Scholars program brings together a network of services including Student Academic Services, the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, Mustang Success Center, all six academic colleges, Career Services, University Housing, and other campus collaborators. The scholars are enrolled across all six academic colleges and are actively pursuing degrees from 30+ majors.

Dream Center

Bldg 52, Room E11
Phone: 805.756.6362
https://dreamcenter.calpoly.edu/

The Dream Center offers a safe, inclusive space for all undocumented students, those from mixed-status families, and their allies. The Center maintains the confidentiality of individual students while fostering a welcoming community environment that aligns with the university’s commitment to diversity and inclusion. The Dream Center offers a range of programs and services to educate the campus community and support undocumented students’ access, persistence, graduation, and post-graduate pursuits.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Building 52, Room E7
Phone: 805.756.2301
https://sas.calpoly.edu/

EOP provides admissions, academic and personal support programs for low-income, historically disadvantaged students. EOP offers counseling, study sessions, academic orientation courses, career and post-graduate advising, and referrals to campus and community resources.

Educational Talent Search

Building 58, Room 109
Phone: 805.756.2301
https://sas.calpoly.edu/

Cal Poly Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a federally funded TRIO program that serves low-income and/or potential first-generation students in grades 7 through 12 in local targeted area schools. The goal of ETS is to assist students in graduating from high school and to encourage them to enter college. ETS offers interactive school site workshops and informational sessions led by program staff, University field trips, parent information workshops and pre-college advising focused on college entrance requirements and financial aid.

TRiO Achievers

Student Services Bldg (124), Room 119
Phone: 805.756.1395
https://sas.calpoly.edu/

TRiO Achievers, a Student Support Services program, is one of the federally funded TRIO programs of the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to assist program participants (low-income, first-generation or college students who have disabilities) with enhancing their academic skills, increasing their retention and graduation rates, and promoting graduate and professional school programs.

Summer Institute

Building 52, Room E7
Phone: 805.756.2301
Summer Institute (SI) is a residential summer academic orientation program held annually for newly-admitted EOP first-year and transfer students. SI provides a mini-quarter of academic and social activities including six units of courses, opportunities to become familiar with the campus and its services, connections with academic advisors, faculty, and students in the same field of study, and study skills which will help students realign current study habits to meet college level demands.

Upward Bound
Building 58, Room E7
Phone: 805.756.2301
https://sas.calpoly.edu/

Upward Bound (UB) is a federally funded TRiO program, which provides a college preparatory program for low-income and/or potential first-generation college students. This program motivates and academically prepares local target area high school students for college. The academic program and residential summer school session at Cal Poly offer tutoring, career advising and supplemental instruction, as well as cultural and recreational activities.